

REMARKS

Concerning the non-enablement rejection under 35 USC §112, the specification, at paragraph 0021, explains that straightness of yarns is a relative term, and that straightness depends on flexibility of the yarn material. Claims 1 has been amended for better consistency with paragraph 0021.

Claim 1, as amended, recites that the warp or weft comprises winding yarns, and that "at least part of the yarns of the other of said warp and weft of the ground fabric layer consists of yarns which are less flexible than the winding yarns which they cross and therefore relatively straight compared to said winding yarns which they cross."


It is clearly possible for some of the yarns in a woven fabric to be relatively straight compared to winding yarns. Therefore, the invention as defined in the amended versions of claims 1 satisfies the requirement for enablement in 35 USC §112.

Patent 6,214,752, a copy of which is submitted herewith, describes a shoe press jacket in which the base fabric is a woven cloth having straight, or nearly straight, filament yarns in at least one of the warp or weft. This patent, which was granted on April 10, 2001, demonstrates that, at the time of the Applicant's filing date, persons skilled in the art knew how to make a woven fabric wherein at least a part of the warp or weft yarns consisted of straight yarns.

Concerning the rejections on Townley under 35 USC §§102(b) and 103, Townley's stuffer yarns are inserted only in the CMD direction, whereas claim 2, as amended, requires additional straight yarns to be inserted along both the warp and the weft of the woven fabric. No corresponding structure is taught in Townley.

For the reasons stated above, the claims, as amended, define subject matter that is enabled, and neither anticipated nor shown to have been obvious by the art of record. The Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application.

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